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SUBJ: LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH HOLD LARGE RALLY

1. SUMMARY: AS THEY HAVE MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, THE LEFTIST SECTOR OF THE PERONIST YOUTH TURNED OUT A HUGE CROWD OF 40,000 TO 50,000 TO HEAR SPEECHES THAT WERE CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE SPEAKERS, INCLUDING GALIMBERTI AND FIRMENICH, STOPPED SHORT OF DIRECT CRITICISM OF PERON BUT JUST BARELY. END SUMMARY.

2. AS THEY HAVE MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, THE LEFTIST SECTOR OF THE PERONIST YOUTH, THE "REVOLUTIONARY TENDENCY," TURNED OUT A HUGE CROWD FOR A RALLY HELD OSTENSIBLY TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF CAMPORA'S ELECTION VICTORY LAST MARCH 11. ESTIMATES RAN BETWEEN 40,000 AND 50,000 AS THEY FILLED A LOCAL SOCCER STADIUM. THIS STADIUM WAS THE SCENE OF AN EQUALLY LARGE RALLY ON AUG 22 OF LAST YEAR.

3. RODOLFO GALIMBERTI MADE HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN MONTHS AND SPOKE AT THE GATHERING. RUMOR HAD IT THAT HE HAD MARRIED INTO A WEALTHY FAMILY AND SETTLED DOWN. MONTONERO  
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LEADERS ROBERTO QUIETO AND MARIO FIRMENICH WERE ALSO PRESENT.

THE LATTER ALSO SPOKE.

4. ONE CHANT USED REPEATEDLY BY THE CROWD AND QUOTED BY AT LEAST TWO NEWSPAPERS WAS, " WHAT'S HAPPENING GENERAL, THE POPULAR GOVERNMENT IS FULL OF GORILLAS." THE SPEECHES WERE CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY OF THOSE IN IT THAT THE "TENDENCY" DISLIKES (I.E. OTERO, VILLAR AND MARGURIDE). THE REMARKS STOPPED SHORT OF DIRECT CRITICISM OF PERON, BUT JUST BARELY.

5. ORGANIZERS HAD STATED 25,000 WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR A SUCCESSFUL RALLY AND HAD BEEN WORRIED THAT THEY WOULDN'T GET THAT MANY.

6. COMMENT: THE ABILITY OF THE "TENDENCY" TO DRAW A CROWD IS WELL KNOWN. THE REACTION OF THE GOA IN GENRAL AND PERON IN PARTICULAR IS PROBABLY EQUALLY PREDICTABLE, NAMELY TO IGNORE IT. AS PERON HAS PUT IT, HE WOULD RATHER HAVE A GOOD MAN AT THE HEAD OF FIVE FOLLOWERS THAT A BAD ONE AT THE HEAD OF FIVE THOUSAND.

7. THE SIZE OF THE CROWD, WHILE ENCOURAGEING FOR THE ORGANIZERS, MUST HAVE BEEN DISMAYING TO THOSE WHO HAD HOPED THE DIVISIONS IN THIS SECTOR OF PERONISM COULD HAVE IMPAIRED THEIR ABILITY TO STAGE LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS. IT WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT PERON'S ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE THE LEADERSHIP FROM THE MAIN BODY OF THE LEFTIST YOUTH HAVE NOT MET WITH MUCH SUCCESS. THERE ARE FEW VIABLE OPTIONS OPEN TO THE "TENDENCY" HOWEVER EXCEPT TO RALLY WHEN THE CAUSE OR OCCASION WILL ENSURE A LARGE GROUP AND TO WAIT FOR BETTER TIMES.  
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